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Alice McNeely Presented 1994 Baldwin Award

On the basis of many nominations and recommendations by faculty, staff, and students, the Broome Community College Alumni Association is pleased to announce that the 1994 Richard E. Baldwin Distinguished Service Award has been presented to Alice McNeely.

Alice, founder and coordinator of the Teaching Resource Center, was recognized at the BCC Honors Ceremony on May 6. She began a diverse and impressive career at BCC in 1978 as an instructor in the Child Care program. After earning her Master's degree in Computer Science from SUNY-Binghamton in 1982, Alice joined the staff at BCC once again, this time as Coordinator and Assistant Professor in the Computer Studies department. In addition to her teaching duties, Alice was also responsible for assisting the department chair, supervising adjunct faculty, and serving as academic advisor for evening and part-time students.

In 1991, Alice was appointed Coordinator of the newly-created Teaching Resource Center, a facility dedicated to helping faculty enhance their teaching skills. Since then, the TRC has become a state and nationally recognized model program. Alice's responsibilities include offering workshops and forums for faculty development, orienting new faculty, coordinating educational resources, and publishing "Center Stage," the monthly newsletter for faculty.

Among the many letters of support for Alice, Professor Francis Battisti calls her "an innovator... dynamic, enthusiastic and a well-organized leader." Claire Liegeikis-Clayton refers to Alice and the TRC as "the hub of the wheel which maintains and improves the quality of teaching excellence at our College." And BCC President Donald Dellow states that "Alice is a perfect example of a Broome Community College supporter who represents the spirit and dedication of Richard E. Baldwin."

Thank you, Alice, for your years of service and commitment to BCC. We are deeply appreciative of not only what you have done, but what you will undoubtedly offer in the years to come.

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CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!!

Before heading off to college, work, travel or whatever, why not take a few moments to remember the people who helped make a difference?

This issue of BCC News is very special, because it serves as a tribute to the many people who make Broome Community College such a uniquely special place. As a BCC student, I was impressed by the people more than anything else -- their dedication, willingness to help, and the way they CARED about the college. You've already read about Alice McNeely on the front cover; there are many more individual stories and tributes in the pages that follow, including faculty and staff, students, and (of course) alumni!

I'm also very excited about the new Alumni Directory project (story at right). This book will be an absolute must for any alum, thanks to its complete listings and cross-referencing. You can use it to plan a reunion, make business contacts, establish connections when relocating or vacationing, or just to track down an old friend with whom you may have lost touch through the years. Don't miss out on this great opportunity!

Finally, I would like to say a few words of appreciation for Gary Finch. As Executive Director of the Faculty-Student Association AND president of the Alumni Association, Gary certainly has had his share (and then some!) of trials and tribulations. I must say that I know of no one who handles it all with such class and dignity as Gary. He has been largely responsible for so many positive things for the College, including the aforementioned Alumni Directory project. I am fortunate and proud to work with you, Gary, and I thank you for all your help and support since my arrival.

That's all for now; have a great summer!

Cathi Mathias

Cathi Mathias
Director, Alumni Affairs

AT LAST! New BCC Alumni Directory Coming In 1995!

The BCC Alumni Association is pleased to announce the upcoming publication of a ground-breaking networking tool for all alumni--our very first BCC Alumni Career and Accomplishments Directory.

This valuable resource will be the single most complete guide to detailed information on more than 25,000 alumni. Each directory listing will provide you with full name; current address and phone number; class year(s) and degree(s) at BCC, as well as additional academic credentials; current job title/ employer and work experience; names of spouse and children; and hobbies or community activities.

Never before has such a comprehensive networking reference been available to BCC alumni. Organized alphabetically by name and cross-referenced by geographic region and class year, the new directory will be an excellent resource for finding employment leads and career connections, as well as tracking down lost friends and classmates for reunions.

BCC is working with Harris Publishing Company out of White Plains, NY to produce this landmark reference. Harris will be contacting each alumni via mail and telephone to compile the information beginning this fall. In the course of the phone call, alumni will be given their ONLY opportunity to reserve a copy of the directory. Plan on ordering YOUR copy of the one book that no BCC alum should be without!

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO OLGA FINCH

It has been said that those who do not seek praise are usually the ones who deserve it the most. Few people have exemplified this sentiment the way Olga Finch did, and anyone who knew her will attest to that. In light of the attention surrounding the various awards and recognition given to BCC's students, staff and friends, it is appropriate to acknowledge once again one of BCC's most dedicated and enthusiastic supporters, Olga J. Finch.

In 1993, the Richard E. Baldwin Lifetime Achievement Award was established in memory of Olga, who served as Coach Baldwin's assistant in the Athletic Office for 29 of her 31 years employed here at Broome Community College. In addition, Olga was a BCC alumna, member of Phi Theta Kappa, former advisor for the Future Secretaries of America, and Hornets cheerleading coach.

Perhaps Coach Baldwin himself said it best in his letter to the Alumni Association: "Olga was a part of the college, and the college a part of her. Whether attending to the many and often demanding details of a virtual one-person office, selling tickets at athletic contests, keeping statistics for the basketball team, creating promotional displays for events, coaching the cheerleaders or taking time to just listen to someone who was confused, worried or even angry, she did it all with style and conviction...In her own unique way, she helped make Broome Community College the special place that it is, (and) is part of the history of the College."

"BCC Honors" Its Finest With Style

Approximately 200 BCC faculty, staff, and guests stayed on campus late on Friday evening, May 6 to recognize their peers at the fifth annual BCC Honors Ceremony. The BCC Cafeteria underwent an amazing facelift for the event, and the BCC Jazz Ensemble played background music and a "mini-concert" to provide added ambiance.

This year, staff members were recognized for 25 years of service to the College, including vice-president Charles Quagliata and surprise honoree Gary Finch for serving as Executive Director of the Faculty-Student Association. (Gary is also the current president of the BCC Alumni Association). Each honoree was "treated" to an amusing (and occasionally embarrassing!) presentation by one of their peers.

In addition, five retirees were shown appreciation for their contributions to BCC during their careers. This year's retirees were: Gerald Freeman, Professor of Sociology; Joseph Gay, Dean of Health Sciences; Arthur Stankevitz, Associate Professor of Chemistry; Jim Boyden, Associate Professor of Humanities; and Elsie Wager, Professor of Dental Hygiene.

Also honored were this year's Chancellor's Award recipients: Claire Ligeikis-Clayton, Chairperson and Professor of Nursing; Grant Newton, Director of the Computer Center; Bruce Oldfield, Associate Professor of Engineering; and Greta Wingate, Librarian.

Two "new" awards were announced at BCC Honors this year-- The BCC Image Award, established in 1993 to acknowledge exceptional spirit and commitment to the college, and the Richard E. Baldwin Distinguished Service Award, formerly presented at the Alumni Association Dinner Dance (placed on hold in 1994). Ralph Walter, Assistant to the V.P. of Administrative and Financial Affairs, was named winner of the BCC Image Award. Although Ralph was unable to attend, those present enjoyed Charlie Quagliata's humorous tribute. On behalf of the BCC Alumni Association, Alumni Affairs Director Catherine Mathias presented the Baldwin Award to TRC Coordinator Alice McNeely (see cover story).

Congratulations and thanks are also in order for Barry Simmons & staff for a terrific atmosphere and buffet dinner, the BCC Jazz Ensemble, Pat O'Brien for handling tickets, all the presenters for keeping a long night interesting, and the FSA for providing a subsidy to make the whole thing possible, as well as everyone else who helped put BCC Honors V together.

OUTSTANDING STUDENTS HONORED AT STUDENT AWARDS PROGRAM

Nearly 200 exceptional students were named college-wide or departmental scholarship winners this year, including several multi-award winners. These students were invited along with their families to attend the annual Student Awards Presentation, held May 5 at the BCC Cafeteria. The program was sponsored by the BCC Foundation, which is also responsible for funding most of the scholarships awarded that evening. Funds for these scholarships were acquired through endowments, businesses, local organizations and community friends.

The college-wide awards were presented first, which included the Alumni Association Transfer Scholarships, the Roger L. Hartman Fine Arts Scholarship, and the Presidential Scholarship. Departmental awards were presented separately by representatives from their respective areas.

A complete listing of the 1994 merit scholarship winners follows:

COLLEGE-WIDE AWARDS

PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Mary Jane Schubert
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS: Barbara R. Gursky; Maureen A. Holbert, Mario L. Pereira
HARTMAN FINE ARTS SCHOLARSHIP: Heather Ann Harris

STUDENT/ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AWARDS

ALVINE M. CRABB MEMORIAL AWARD: Melanie Riegel
OLGA FINCH MEMORIAL AWARD: Jason Barrows; Laurence Harvilchuck
ROBERT N. PUFKY MEMORIAL AWARD: Sharon Terwilliger
HAZEL S. WILCOX MEMORIAL AWARD: James Kavarnos
MARY E. SCHUM MEMORIAL AWARD: Lori Tyler; Louise Pietrosanti
CHESTER BUGLIA MEMORIAL AWARD: Melanie Riegel

DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

BUSINESS DIVISION: Marci Davidson; Michael Haner; Gregory Phelps; Michele Adams; Joanna Trask; Barbara Boudreau; Shelley Sickles; Marie Alexander; James Bouwens; Cheryl Swarthout; Donna Genung; Nozomi Takei; Margaret Blachek; Thomas Cox; Gene Fast; Lou Russo

LIBERAL ARTS DIVISION: Carolyn R. Williams; Jayme S. Marsh; Jennifer Vizvary; Joseph Santangelo; Michael Streich; Tamara Findikyan; Cheryl Ivancie; Anthony Longo; Kristen Seidel; Karen Canfield; Ross Riddell; Jane Sliwinski; Sergey Bovko; Mario Pereira; Tue Minh Truong

COMMUNICATIONS/MEDIA ARTS: Scott Hill; Brian Welker

ENGINEERING/APPLIED SCIENCE DIVISION: Karen L. Gross; Huong Le; Nga Voong; John Syron; Clifford M. Balliet; Alex P. Racheck; Loan T. Nguyen; Stacie Kane; Francine M. Cwynar; Filippo Muggeo; Deborah Page; Mark Terrell; Frank M. Thornton; Anthony J. Signorelli; Paul Cutter; Desiree Richmond-Hope; Gregg R. Volles; Thomas W. Blachek

HEALTH SCIENCES DIVISION: Ghana Giles; Rebecca Eggleston; Mary Germaine-Denila; Patricia Matolka; Diane Panella; Diane Stets; Ellen Molyneaux; Mary Sullivan; Melanie Riegel; Sarah Schonberger; Joanna Leonard; Tammy Williams; Mary Jane Eldridge; Ann Litts; Malinda Woodruff; John Fuller; James P. Clark; Renny Stocum; Jodi Counts; Mary Jane Schubert; Lisa Patterson

SPECIAL CAREERS DIVISION: Pamela M. Babcock; Abby Utter; Diana Wolfe; Rebecca Freeborn; Sandra Crane; Heather Ellis; Judith Johnston; Trina M. Tanzini; Lisa K.Barrett; Clarissa Goodspeed; Kathleen Bomysoad

HUMANITIES DIVISION: Joelle Stone; Beth Delmolino; Jason Burghardt; Michael Palmatier; Julie Roossien; William Zietz; Patrick Johnston; Eric D. Leroy; Soymoune Oudomvilay; Debra Koester; Jennifer Dietz; Beverly Frost; James Cross; Dorlene Cuellar; Steve Hine; Eric Roth; Foster Rowe

OFFICE TECHNOLOGIES DIVISION: Jennifer L. Smith; Brenda Southerland; Julie Pfannkuchen; Melanie Pierce; Diane M. Waters

MATH/COMPUTER STUDIES DIVISIONS: James S. Kavarnos; Mark D. Ward; Mark Terrell; Darlene Winsor

Congratulations and best wishes to all!

ONWARD AND UPWARD...
Alumni Association Transfer Scholarship Winners Announced

The Broome Community College Alumni Association is pleased to announce the four transfer scholarship winners for 1994, including the Roger L. Hartman Fine Arts Scholarship. Each scholarship winner will receive $300 toward expenses to continue their education at a four-year institution. This year's winners were as follows:

*Barbara R. Gursky of Conklin. Barbara graduated from the Liberal Arts program specializing in Mental Health, and will major in Social Work at Marywood College in Scranton, Pa. She is a single parent and member of the Lively Arts club.

*Maureen A. Holbert of Binghamton. Marueen received an AA in Liberal Arts at Broome, and will use her award toward expenses at Cornell University, where she will major in Landscape Architecture. Maureen is also involved in the Lively Arts Club, the DAAS Club, and is the single parent of three children.

*Mario L. Pereira of Binghamton. Mario will be transferring from Broome to SUNY-Buffalo to pursue a bachelor's degree in Physical Therapy. Mario is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, works part time at the Binghamton YMCA, and served in the U.S. Armed Forces.

*The Hartman Award was presented to Heather Ann Harris of Binghamton. Heather is a flautist who will be continuing her studies in Music Education at Mansfield University this fall. In addition to the many musical clubs, bands and choirs she belongs to, Heather also works part time at Wegman's and participates in the MS Walk.

Winners were selected by the Alumni Association based in grade-point average, financial need, extracurricular activities and individual circumstances. Congratulations!

A Word To All Alumni Parents . . .

During our recent Alumni Phonathon, we discovered that many of our alumni are still receiving BCC News and other college mailings at their parents' address, even though the alumnus/a has long since moved away. If you would take the time to provide the Alumni Affairs office with the correct current address and/or phone number for your child, it would be greatly appreciated. This can be done by calling (607) 778-5036, or by completing the form below. Thank you!

ALUMNI CHANGE OF ADRESS

Name of Alumnus/a: _____

Former/Maiden Name (if applicable): _____

Class Year/Curriculum: _____

Mailing Address: _____

_____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Please Return To: BCC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, PO Box 1017, Binghamton, NY 13902-1017

What's New On Campus...

TECH PREP AT BCC: "BROOME TECH" IN THE 90's!

Once again, Broome Community College has established itself as a leader in education reform, responding to the challenge of ever-changing technological advances, evolving global economy, and the realities of our region. In the only program of its kind in the country, BCC has created a unique partnership between education and business with the common goal of promoting peak performance in the American workplace.

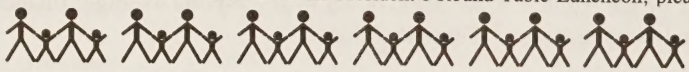
A background and update of the program was presented to over 100 of the BCC Foundation's most dedicated and prominent supporters at the recent President's Round Table Luncheon, held on April 22 at the Binghamton Country Club. The program featured presentations by William Beston, BCC Dean of Applied Sciences; Gerhard Meese, president of Universal Instruments; and Patricia Wrobel, training manager at Universal.

Tech Prep is based upon "Applied Academics" — courses in math, science and communications specially designed to train students for highly skilled technological occupations. In his presentation, Dean Beston stated that this program was designed and developed for the "forgotten majority"-- approximately 40% of the adult population that relies on their technical or associate's level education to build their career. It recognizes and incorporates the kinesthetic "hands-on" type of learning that characterizes many of these students.

Tech Prep has been adapted to target the present work force in a pilot program at Universal Instruments. Rather than replacing employees with outdated skills, Tech Prep retrains those employees who hold technical positions in manufacturing, fabrication, and engineering. Upon completion of the five-course Certificate program, employees are then guaranteed admission into an Associate in Technology degree program at BCC.

The future of Tech Prep is bright, since it is a perfect complement to the developing trends in national education reform. The BCC Applied Technology is truly on the cutting edge, assuring a competent and skilled work force capable of carrying American industry into the 21st century.

*NOTE: For more information on how to become involved in the President's Round Table Luncheon, please contact the Foundation office at (607)-778-5182.



FOUNDATION ESTABLISHES CECIL C. TYRRELL SOCIETY

Associate Membership Open To Bequests, Trusts

by Roger Hartman, Director of Planned Giving

To honor those who have made substantial lifetime gifts to Broome Community College through the BCC Foundation, the Foundation Board of Directors established the Cecil C. Tyrrell Society one year ago. The members of this organization include individuals and private foundations which have made gifts totalling at least $10,000, which can include employer matching gifts. Currently, there are 34 individual members and 8 private foundations.

Recently the Board voted to include within the Tyrrell Society membership those who have put Broome Community College or the Foundation in their wills, as well as those who have made irrevocable life-income gifts (charitable trusts, for example) of at least $10,000 to the College.

Donors who qualify in either of these ways will be referred to as "Associate Members." To receive this recognition, donors need to verify their action on behalf of the College with a copy of that portion of the trust agreement or will that applies to the intended gift to BCC. Any questions concerning this process, or the various ways in which their gifts might best be used (endowments, for instance), or why such gifts should be made to the Foundation can be addressed to Roger Hartman, Director of Planned Giving, or Judy Siggins, Executive Director of the Foundation, at (607)-778-5182. Or, write to the BCC Foundation, PO Box 1017, Binghamton, NY 13902.

The Cecil C. Tyrrell Society is named for the founding president of Broome Community College. President Tyrrell served in this capacity for 26 years, from the College's beginning in 1946 to 1972. He guided the College through three site changes and four name changes, each reflecting the changing nature of the College's mission and growth of its operation.

Hornets Basketball Review

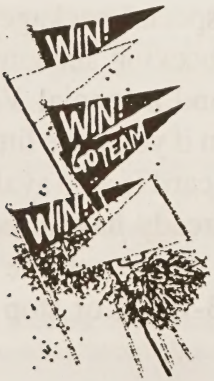
The 1993-94 season is destined to be remembered by Hornets basketball fans as one of the greatest in BCC's already outstanding history. The BCC men's basketball team finished with a conference record of 12-2 and overall record of 24-11, showing determination and poise in crucial game situations as they went on to a fifth-place finish in the NJCAA Division III National Tournament held at Delhi Tech in March.

The road to the tournament began for Coach Tom Morrissey's team with a 97-90 victory over Mohawk Valley CC, which was incidentally Coach Morrissey's 300th career victory. After a long and challenging regular season (highlighted by winning the BCC Holiday Classic for the first time), the Hornets really made heads turn during the Region 3 championship tournament at Jefferson CC in Watertown, NY. Fifth-seeded Broome worked its way through the draw, defeating top seed Delhi Tech in the semifinals and 1993 NJCAA champion Onondaga CC in the final, thus earning their berth in the national tournament.

After defeating Delhi once again in the quarterfinal round, losses to then-undefeated Sullivan CC and Montgomery (Maryland) CC ended the Hornets outstanding season. Their feats did not go unnoticed, however, for just two weeks after being seeded fifth in Region 3, they found themselves ranked fifth in the nation. Special recognition was given to Hornet players Rudolfo "Tex" Bynoe and Paul Morrissey, who each received multiple all-conference and all-tournament honors during the campaign.

To top it all off, the Hornets were beneficiaries of national attention with Sports Illustrated's profile of former coach Dick Baldwin, now with Binghamton University. The article appeared in the 1994 Swimsuit Edition, which is by far the magazine's most widely read issue every year.

Congratulations to Coach Baldwin, Coach Morrissey and all members of the 1993-94 Hornets Men's Basketball Team:



Rudolfo "Tex" Bynoe
Bruce Canady
Nick Ioannisci
Kevin Lucia
Alonzo Martinez
Martin Millard
Paul Morrissey
Nate Slater
Andy Slocum
Travis Webb

OOPS!!!

We goofed and we're sorry! At this spring's annual scholarship awards presentations, the I. Lawrence Kerr Scholarship was awarded, but we inadvertently left out the Sixth District Dental Society which for some time has made this award possible along with the Broome County Dental Society. *Thank* you to Dr. Perna for rightly bringing this to our attention. We are very grateful to the Sixth District Dental Society for their generosity and sincerely apologize for leaving their name out of the program and the presentation.

HELP WANTED!

The BCC Foundation and Alumni Association need help from time to time with graphic arts and photography. If you are a professional or near professional in one or both of these areas, and can give us some of your time to work on an occassional project, please give us a call at 778-5182!

BCC ENGINEERING TEAM DESIGNS TOP FINISH IN STATEWIDE COMPETITION (Excerpt from the Press & Sun Bulletin)

A team from Broome Community College captured first place in a recent engineering design competition.

The 11-member BCC squad topped five other teams at an annual design contest sponsored by the Two Year Engineering Association of New York State. The event was held April 29 at Fulton Montgomery Community College, Johnstown.

BCC, which has never finished lower than second in the competition, seized its third first-place finish in five years. Jack Foster, team co-advisor and chairman of the engineering department, credited the consistently high showings to teamwork and student quality.

Teams had to design a double-hung replacement window, Foster said. The Broome design featured a motor-driven cable pulley system, mainly using existing parts rather than designing from scratch. "Let's be as simple as possible," Foster said, "because that's good design."

DID YOU KNOW...

That BCC students and alumni are now eligible for membership in the GHS Federal Credit Union?!

GHS has developed a special package with BCC in mind, which includes a checking account, ATM card, overdraft line of credit, and a special VISA card that requires no co-signer, even if you have little or no credit history. (A regular VISA card is also available with the package for those who already have credit).

For more information, please call the GHS Federal Credit Union at (607)-723-7962, or stop by 959 Front Street, Binghamton.

THANK YOU!

The 1994 Spring Alumni Phonathon came to a close on Tuesday, March 29 after six weeks of calling be a super-dedicated group of workers. The Phonathon raised just under $19,000 in pledges from 776 alumni. In addition, there was another $3000 pledged in corporate matching gifts!

Money is raised during the Phonathon for the BCC Foundation Annual Fund. The BCC Foundation puts these dollars to work where they are needed most within the campus community. Recent Foundation-funded projects include the Decker Health Sciences Building project, multi-media computer systems to enhance teaching, as well as the many scholarships, grants-in-aid, and other programs.

If you were one of those alumni who pledged your support to Broome Community College, thank you! If you haven't yet submitted your pledge, or weren't contacted, you can still help by sending your payment before June 30 to: BCC Foundation Annual Fund, PO Box 1017, Binghamton, NY 13902-1017.

A Very Special "Thank You" To Our Phonathon Callers:

Nancy Juriga
Bob Pellicciotti
Kelly Hickey
Eric Millen
Cheryl Hemmelgarn
Sakinah Abdallah
Bilgis Abdallah
Debbie Kelly
Anna Hill
Nasima Aziz

Aimee Bachand
Heather Heath
Danielle Ferranti
Mark Hlebica
Robert Vollmer
Marge Vollmer
Nahdiya Giles
Dave Richards
Bilgees Aziz

COMING UP IN THE NEXT ISSUE:

The Alumni Affairs Office recently asked BCC staff and faculty who were also alumni to submit their stories for upcoming issues of BCC News. WELL...

We planned on some response, but sure didn't expect what we got! In just the first two days, we got TEN phone calls from staff/alums who wanted to share their BCC experiences! In light of this enthusiastic response, the Fall 1994 edition of BCC News will feature these alumni who went on to work at BCC as the main feature, with as many of their stories as possible.

We also expect to have a feature on the groundbreaking for the new Decker Health Sciences Building, scheduled for this summer. We'll also tell you about special offers just for BCC alumni, and include our regular "Alumni On The Move" feature. It's sure to be an exciting issue you won't want to miss-- keep an eye on your mailbox for it around October!

P.S. If you are planning on moving, OR are a parent who is receiving BCC News addressed to your son or daughter, please send us the completed Change of Address form elsewhere in this issue to ensure delivery of BCC News!

Success Stories . . .

FROM CLASSROOM TO THE "REAL WORLD"...

Making A Successful Transition!

In the past three years, Robin Alpaugh (LA88) has found himself utilizing his education from BCC to its potential. By working full-time for Bob Moppert's 1992 Congressional campaign, Robin has learned that although the "real world" of politics is much different than anything learned in a classroom, the educational foundation is crucial to its success, along with other skills often acquired during college years, including learning to establish positive relationships, display leadership qualities, and WORK, WORK, WORK! (Bob Moppert, incidentally, is also a proud graduate of Broome Community College!)

Robin refers to his education at Broome as "nothing less than spectacular." He adds, "Going to school here (BCC) not only enabled me to get an excellent education, but it allowed me the opportunity to remain active in the community." He extends his admiration and appreciation to several of his professors, including Dr. JoAnne Maniago, who "with her amiable Southern disposition, always made time to help students out, and her knowledge and enthusiasm for the (history) courses were relentless...It was tough to get an A in her class, but when you did, you felt a sense of real accomplishment." He also mentions biology professor Dave Walsh, crediting him with "the unique ability to make the most difficult subject matter seem easy to learn, and made biology interesting with his bright personality coupled with extensive knowledge."

It was Professor Walsh, in fact, who sparked Robin's interest in the area of Everglades Ecology. He participated in the College's 10-day course in Florida, and was amazed at how much he learned about ecology when the "classroom" was the actual Everglades environment! "Much like political science," says Robin, "there is no substitute for real-world experience." In describing the course, Robin stated that it provided an intense, in-depth look at a fragile environment caught between expansive development and the need for preservation.

If politics and ecology aren't diverse enough, Robin is also a trombonist who played for Dr. Michael Kinney and Vinnie Penella in the BCC Jazz Ensemble! "Few things in life are better than the sense of accomplishment that comes from a perfect performance brought about by hours of rehearsal," Robin comments.

Robin believes that any goal can be achieved through diligent hard work and determination. Although the Congressional campaign fell short of its goal in 1992, Robin, Bob, and the rest of the team haven't stopped working. "Unlike the Olympics," Robin states, "there is no second place in the political arena. You have to pick yourself up, brush yourself off, and keep on running. I am proud to be a BCC alumnus."

We're proud too, Robin!

IBM SPONSORS BCC ALUMNA CHEMIST FOR DOCTORAL WORK

by Debra Morello

It is an exceptional opportunity to be sponsored by your employer for full-time leave to obtain a doctoral degree. But Kathy Millard Covert is an exceptional woman. Kathy was working for a local printer when her co-worker (and husband-to-be) said, "You have a lot going for you. Go back to college!" She had another co-worker who was also an inspiration; it was "the man who frequently instructed her on how to fix his coffee!" She decided that it was time for her to go back to her first love: chemistry.

Kathy describes chemistry in terms of power. She says that a problem can exist and a simple chemical analysis of the situation can obtain a powerful conclusion. Being able to perform the experiments and analyses needed to cultivate such results empowers Kathy, and she loves it.

She first excelled in chemistry as a high school student where she was motivated by a teacher who gave out a special grade called an "Oliver" for coursework above an A. The same teacher also gave a Regents-based final exam on which Kathy obtained a 98. In 1980, Kathy came to BCC fresh out of high school to major in chemistry. After two weeks, she quit. "I was just not ready for college and felt overwhelmed," Kathy relates. She didn't return to BCC for three years, in which time she held jobs as a cook, waitress, and in a nursing home. A few years of maturity and desire to move ahead led her back to BCC. "BCC is the best thing that ever happened to me," Kathy says. "Education-wise, you can't beat it."

Inspired by professors such as Joe Long, Mary Ann Lamen, and Mike Costello (all "excellent, but tough!"), Kathy was determined to succeed. She was elected president of the Chemistry Club, which was moderated by her mentor and friend, Dr. Brendan Flynn. Throughout her entire academic career at BCC, Kathy worked as a full-time babysitter for a family who worked third shift. She remembers her life consisting of watching the children and going to school. The hard work paid off in the end; in addition to receiving a merit shcolarhip, she was presented with the AICHE Award from the American Chemical Engineers Society at graduation, along with a 4.0 cumulative GPA.

Ten days after graduation, Kathy married Ed Covert, the friend who inspired her to complete her degree. A week after the wedding, she began a career at IBM as a trainee in the chemical engineering function. At the same time, she was eligible through undergraduate workstudy programs at IBM to attend Binghatmon University. All of her BCC credits were transferrable and within four years of part time studies while working, Kathy obtained her bachelor's degree. After several years of moving through the ranks, Kathy is now employed as an Associate Engineer in IBM's Development Facilities. Kathy says, "Everything that I use on my job technically, I learned at BCC." In the capacity of Process Engineer, she evaluates current processes and through experimentation optimizes current processes or makes recommendations for new processes or equipment. She has written three external and six internal publications, and has four patents with two more in process.

In 1992, Kathy was given the opportunity through IBM to attend Binghamton University again, except on a full-time basis in pursuit of her PhD in Material Science. Working on a thesis entitled "Solid State Circuitization Process," she anticipates graduating this January and returning to IBM.

Kathy, we wish you the very best and look forward to hearing about your future successes!

HITOSHI INOUE MAKES FILMMAKING "DREAM" A REALITY

Hitoshi Inoue had been interested in filmmaking all his life. Back in his native Japan, he went to work as a production assistant for a film production company and television station. His interest and inspiration grew daily, and he dreamed of someday working for a large production company in Hollywood.

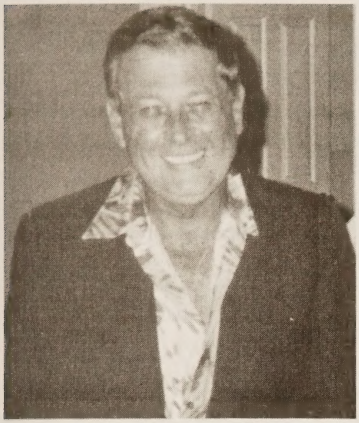
In pursuit of his dream, Hitoshi studied English, and in 1990 came to America under "foreign student" status, searching the East Coast for a community college with a filmmaking program. This is how he came across Broome Community College.

Hitoshi selected BCC to begin his education for its comprehensive offerings in video, film, image theory, photography, and use of computers in digital imaging. He was also attracted to BCC because of the cross-registration program with Binghamton University, enabling him to receive transferable credit for courses taken at either site. The array of courses, equipment, and professors at both schools complemented each other so well that Hitoshi received what he calls "an optimal educational opportunity" from the SUNY system. He graduated from BCC with an AAS in Communications, and is working toward his baccalaureate degree from Binghamton University.

Hitoshi's primary interest lies in science fiction. He has developed several experimental films which he has submitted to film festivals worldwide, including the short 16mm film "Yume" (which means, appropriately enough, "Dream") to the prestigious Cannes Film Festival in France. His latest film, "Incubator," was recently submitted to the New York Film Festival. This film is about the "reanimation" of a human body using a computer in place of the human brain to control its form.

When asked what creating a film such as "Incubator" entails, Hitoshi replies, "I develop the theme; write the script, storyboard and narration; select the location, composition, props, actors and actresses; shoot the film; and edit the work." In addition, Hitoshi has begun experimenting successfully with mixing his own sound and music, which was previously provided commercially. "In developing a film," says Hitoshi, "I am taking the very essence of my personal feelings and literally 'throwing' them to the audience." He contrasts the vulnerability of being an artist with the joy of impacting his fellow artists as well as the general public through his work.

Hitoshi's next goal is to develop a portfolio to market to studios, while continuing to enhance his technical skills, overall ability and reliability. His long range goals are to find work as a cinematographer, and eventually directing. He welcomes correspondance from former professors and classmates at 537 Chenango Street, Binghamton, NY 13901; or by phone at (607)-724-6656.



Letters...Letters...Letters...

As Alumni Affairs Director, I receive many letters, visits and phone calls from people who have news to share. This letter came from Robert A. Nesti (CH '56) in Princeville, Hawaii, and I found it particularly interesting and inspiring. I hope you enjoy reading about him as much as I did! --cem

Dear Catherine:

In September 1954, I enrolled in the Chemical Technology Course at Broome Community. At that time, the "campus" was housed in the Armory in downtown Binghamton. I was living in New York City and found the college with the help of my sister-in-law, Patricia Crane (Mrs. Anthony J. Nesti). Pat had graduated from Broome in 1952.

The memories of my enrollment are vivid ones. Here I was in a strange city, renting a room from a nice older woman and walking two miles to the Armory. Binghamton got 24 inches of snow in October of that year. The course was a difficult one, but I powered through and graduated in 1956.

My first career was with Standard Oil in their research facility in Linden, New Jersey. I started as a Lab Technician and took a lot of extra courses to enable me to be promoted to Senior Analytical Analyst.

My pioneering spirit took over and after eleven years with Standard, I moved my family (five children) to California and sought a new career. I settled on pharmaceutical selling with Pfizer Pharmaceuticals and worked my way up to Sales Manager in Los Angeles within three years. I took my sales district from 38th to 1st in the next three years.

Once again, my pioneering spirit drove me to join a brand new pharmaceutical company starting up operations in the United States. I joined Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals as part of the first dozen Managers hired. The company now has about 3000 people working in the United States. After seven years with Boehringer, I returned to New York to head up their Northeastern sales area with responsibility of 100 people as the Regional Sales Director. After placing first out of seven regions for six out of eight years, I accepted another pioneering position to set up operations for Boehringer in the U.S./Pacific area as Regional Sales Manager for Hawaii, Guam, Saipan and the Mariana Islands.

After 20 years with Boehringer, I have retired this year and am now living on the island of Kauai. Oh, what a great career I have had! To think it all started in the fall of 1954 at Broome Community College is the reason I have written this letter.

My message to all Broome alumni and students is that there are no boundaries when you set a good foundation. Thank you, Broome, for giving me that great start.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Nesti

REUNION INFORMATION!

This NEW feature has been created in response to the many requests for reunion information and/or class lists for reunion-related mailings by individual alumni.

Due to BCC's policy of confidentiality, Alumni Affairs can no longer release class listings for reunion planning, so this section of BCC News will be dedicated from now on to providing you with the latest information on upcoming reunions, as well as individuals who are interested in getting one started. This feature, along with the BCC Alumni Directory that will available early next year (see article, page 2) will give you all the information you need to get back in touch with old friends! Current reunions in the works are as follows:

*Class of 1974 (20 years): Please contact Thomas T. Trencansky, 3 Greystone Drive, Dryden NY 13053 (607)-844-4767.

*Class of 1964 (30 years): Please contact Edward and Dawn Hoover, 8677 E. Otero Circle, Englewood, CO 80112.

Alumni on the Move

1950's

Burton A. Lozier (ET50), since his retirement from IBM Corporation, has been involved in missionary work. He has journeyed with his wife, to Ecuador and Alaska, where Burton, using his mechanical skills, helped set up relay radio stations.

Anthony J. Ruspantini (MT54), has just published his first book, "Quoting Spurgeon." It is a book or religious quotes by Charles Spurgeon, a famous preacher of the past century who was called the "Prince of Preachers." The book was foreworded by Dr. John MacArthur, Jr. and published by Baker Book House. Anthony is retired from New York State Electric and Gas, where he held the position of design drafter.

William A Whiteman (ET58), recently retired from General Electric after thirty-five years of service.

1960's

Elise A. Blickens Kennett (SC67), was promoted from vice president/director of sales to vice president/general manager of WTVZ FOX TV in Norfolk, Virginia. Elise says, "My start was BCC and I am making the most of my education." She has traveled extensively to Europe over the past 25 years, and most recently, to China and Russia, both on business and pleasure trips.

Carla J. Aiken Rose (LA68), and her husband, Robert, have been missionaries in Guatemala, Central America for four years. They are the directors of "Songs of Joy Home for Children" in Guatemala City. Carla and Robert care for 21 children in addition to their adopted children, Kristina Joy, 4 years old, and a baby, David Alan.

Phillip M. Sasinek (BT69), has been transferred to the Key West Branch of Barnett Bank, Key West, Florida, where he holds the position of vice president. Sasinek formerly lived in West Palm Beach.

1970's

Theresa D. Bennett (LT70, ADN92), is employed as a registered nurse at Lourdes Hospital. She is on the Seton I - Cardiac Step-Down Unit where she has worked since graduation. Theresa is also pursuing her bachelor's degree.

Phylis D. Mente Meldrum (DH71), was married in May 1993 to Stephen Meldrum of Hephziban, Georgia. She became a mother to an eight-year-old daughter, Sara. Phylis is also working as an orthodontic assistant to Dr. E H. Williamson, one of the top five orthodontists in the United States.

Robert J. Corey (LA72), is a professor for West Virginia University. He lives in Morgantown,WV. Robert would like to thank BCC Professor Joanne Mantiago for all the help she gave to him during his days of being a married, non-traditional student. Joanne Mantiago remembers, "Robert was one of my most outstanding students in my very first class taught at Broome Community College." Professor Mantiago currently teaches history and social science.

Michael H. Madormo (EH72), is a therapy aide for the Binghamton Psychiatric Center.

Henry L. Seeley (LA72), is currently employed by United Health Services at Wilson Hospital as a computer network support specialist. Henry has a BA degree from Binghamton University.

William Blake Peoples (RN73), is currently working on his dissertation for his doctorate in ministry at Great Plains Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. William is employed by Cortland Memorial Hospital as a registered nurse. His wife, **Susan E. Blake (LA90)**, finished her bachelor's degree in education from SUNY Cortland and is teaching high school science at the Cortland Christian Academy. William and Susan live in Cortland, New York, with their three daughters.

John W. Tokos (LA73), was recently promoted to senior programmer manager at IBM Corporation. John works in the worldwide open client server division in Endicott.

Bruce K. Willis (MT74), is employed by Columbian Financial Group as a senior micro-
programmer. Bruce and his wife, Ada, have two children, Heather, nine, and Brett, seven.

David L. Gossein (CH75), is a registered nurse on the staff of Lourdes Hospital in the cardiology unit. David took up the challenge of working full-time while pursuing his second degree at Broome Community College.

Mark R. Albrecht (LA76), is working as chief photographer for WBRE-TV (an NBC affiliate) in Wilkes-Barre, PA. Mark started his career as a cameraman, shortly after graduating from Ithaca College with a degree in communications. While he was in sports coverage, Mark was given the overseas assignment of traveling with a local high school soccer team which was competing internationally with a Chinese team in Bejing, China. Mark also had the enviable task of covering Penn State invitationals, such as the Sugar Bowl and the Fiesta Bowl! He and his wife, Maureen, have two young sons, Devin and Nathan.

Robert J. Pronbeck (LA77), and his wife, Andra, have been operating A-1 Luxury Limousine for the past six years in the Triple Cities area. Robert is also owner of the Angle Market. The Pornbecks are expecting their first child.

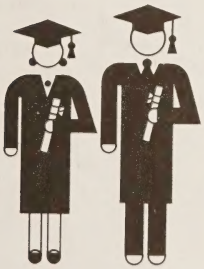
Philip M. Williams (CJ78), has been busy with volunteer work since his retirement. Philip and his wife have volunteered for Child Evangelism Fellowship and the American Red Cross Relief, where they travelled extensively to several third world countries.

David S. Young (BM79), is vice president of corporate credit for the Mirabito Fuel Group in Sidney, NY. He completed his business administration studies at Utica College of SyracuseUniversity in 1985 and is currently an MBA candidate at SU David and his wife, Terry Young, have two children and are living in Norwich, NY.

Catherine A. Turner Kaschek (BM80), had the honor of graduating from Broome Community College as the oldest member of her class. Catherine is now retired as a school lunch manager after thirty-three years of service. She is still active in the Broome County School Food Service Association as the membership chairperson and treasurer.

1980's

Dr. Joan A. Englehart (IS81), recently won the second National Association of Women in Chambers of Commerce National Achievement Award, Joan President of the Tioga County Chamber of Commerce, was cited for her outstanding service in business and the community as well as her commitment to the advancement of women in the public and private sector. She is responsible for founding the chamber's non-profit foundation, which has sponsored hearldship programs and health fairs in the county. In her role as president of the TCCC, she has been credited with providing leadership which has brought the chamber to one which has been accredited by the US Chamber of Commerce. An advocate of continuing education, Joan has earned two degrees in the past decade and has recently been awarded a doctor of philosophy degree with honors in business administration by Century University, New Mexico. Her doctoral project is entitled "An Analysis



of Economic Development in the Southern Tier of New York State." She is a recognized public speaker and has had several articles published in various print media. She has received numerous awards for her community initiatives, including woman of Achievement by Zonta, a Leadership Award from Boy Scouts of America, and the first Tioga County Chamber of Commerce ATHENA Award in 1986.

James D. Lake (FR82), was recently promoted to the position of technical services manager for National Fire Sprinkler Association and will be transferring to the national headquarters in Poughkeepsie. Previously, James received his bachelor's degree in professional studies in fire prevention from Empire State College. He is married to **Lynn Bailey-Lake (LA86)**, who is continuing her undergraduate studies in history. They have two children, Andrew, 6 years, and Jocelyn, 2 years old.

Rhonda M. West (BA82), attained both her bachelor's and master's degrees in business from Binghamton University. She is a programmer analyst for United Health Services. Rhonda is currently working on a graduate degree in information resource management from Syracuse University.

Gail Craig Kenyon (CC83), received her bachelor's degree in elementary education and her M.S. and S.U.C. at SUNY Geneseo. She teaches second grade for the Rochester City School District. Gail and her husband, Kevin, have a three year old daughter, Kelly.

Karen M. Macdonell Cordi (LA83), recently married Joseph Cordi from Owego. She is currently employed as a sales representative for BMP, Inc. and also as a cashier for Wegman's. Karen's father, **Captain Jim Macdonell (IT74),** is owner of the Leisure Time Charters in Kirkwood, NY.

Erwin Michael Bucking (ES84), recently obtained a position as electrical engineer with Milcom, Inc. in Virginia Beach, Virginia. He obtained his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and is also a lieutenant in the U.S. Naval Reserves. Erwin and his fiancee, S. Robyn Cammer, are engaged to be married in October 1994. Erwin's mother, Ernestine Bucking of Afton is a highly acclaimed artist and has several paintings displayed on the campus of Broome Community College.

Virgilio N. Madrid (LA84), was recently promoted to vice president of corporate finance at Toyo Trust & Banking Co., Ltd., Madison Avenue, New York City. Previously he was Toyo's assistant treasurer of corporate finance. He has a master's degree in business administration from Binghamton University. Virgilio and his wife, Mary, live in White Plains, NY.

Althea M. Fowlston Eilolzer (LA86), completed her bachelor's degree in human services in 1993 from Empire State College. Althea is an assistant director and a habilitation specialist with Broome Developmental Services/Norwich Day Treatment.

Allison M. Young Beauparlant (PL86), graduated from New England School of Law, in May 1989 and is an attorney at law practicing in Haverhill, Massachusetts. Her husband, Ted Beauparlant, also practices law in Gloucester, MA. They have two children, Andrew, three, and a baby son, Teddy.

David S. Kenney (LA86), has been named as a distinguished alumni in the April 1994 publication of "The Complete Guide to American Film Schools" by Ernest Pintoff.

Jennifer Michalak Anderson (LA87), is a student assistance counselor for Deposit Elementary Schools. She graduated from Binghamton University in 1989. Jennifer and **Daniel Anderson (CT80)**, were married in February, 1993.

Deborah S. Armstrong (BU87), has a human resources position with Endicott Johnson Corporation. Deborah graduated from Binghamton University in August 1993.

Mark S. Barry (CS87), is working as a programmer/analyst for the Grumman Olson Corporation in Sturgis, Michigan. Mark says "Hi!" to Beth Mollen, an associate professor in computer studies at Broome Community College.

Richard Brearley (CS87), is a computer programmer for the State of North Carolina in the Department of Transportation.

Joseph A. Cutillo (ES87), and his wife, **Vikki L. Morris Cutillo (CC88)**, have recently moved to Mattoon, Illinois. Joseph is a mechanical engineer with General Electric. Vikki came all the way from Australia to be a student at Broome Community College.

Erik A. Erickson (BU87), works for K-mart as an assistant and loss control manager. Erik and his wife have one boy, Kayne Alexander, and a girl, Danielle Alexis. They are living in Westland, Michigan.

Jennifer J. McElligott (RN87), is currently working as a registered nurse and unit-based educator for ICU and the Telemetry Unit at Lourdes Hospital. Jennifer is editor of the Lourdes Hospital's clinical newsletter entitled "PATIENTS" and also an active member of the public relations committee of New York State Nurse Association, District #5.

John P. Zielinski (BM87, ME90), is currently employed as a mechanical engineer for Paxar Systems Group in Pennsylvania. John was married to Zoe Ann Zweig in December 1990.

Ellen J. Hayes (LA88), received her bachelor's degree in general studies in 1990 and her master's degree in social science in 1991, both from Binghamton University.

Michael J. Sterling (LACM88), has been mentioned among the distinguished alumni listed in the April 1994 publication of "The Complete Guide to American Film Schools" by Ernest Pintoff.

Donna J. Smith (RN89), since graduation, has obtained her bachelor's degree in applied social sciences at Binghamton University. While working as a registered nurse for Elizabeth Church Manor Nursing Home and being mother to three children, Donna is also pursuing a master's degree in genetic counseling.

1990's

Margaret Davis (LA90), recently graduated from Russell Sage College with a bachelor's degree in science. Margaret is a physical therapist with United Health Services Hospitals. She is engaged to be married in the fall of 1994.

Stephen J. Haskell (LA90), and his wife, Mary Haskell, are expecting their second child. Stephen is a full time student and also works for quality Construction.

Dawn L. Risley (BUBA90), has been named to the 1994 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Dawn is among 30 SUNY Institute of Technology at Utica/Rome students who earned a place on the list of nationally outstanding leaders.

Nicole R. Collins (LA91), graduated from Rochester Institute of Technology, May 1994 and has accepted a position as an ultrasonographer at Glens Falls Hospital in Glens Falls, New York.

Melissa Beth O'Brien (BA91), is currently employed as a human resources associate for Freezer Queen of Buffalo. She graduated in December 1993 from SUNY Fredonia with a bachelor's degree in business administration. Melissa and her fiance, **Jeffrey A. Packer (CT92)**, are planning their wedding for the fall of 1995. Melissa is the daughter of Don and Pat A. O'Brien. Pat is secretary to Charles Quagliata, Vice President of Institutional Advancement at BroomeCommunity College.

Marc C. Leniek (CJ92), received his bachelor's degree in criminal justice in May 1994 from Mansfield University, Mansifeld, PA.

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